MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

House simply to alert him to the proposed hearings in House Rules on 22 February on resolutions for a Joint Committee on Intelligence. Mr. Feldman had not been aware of this planned action. I briefed him generally on my conversation with Mr. Smart yesterday. Under the circumstances, Mr. Feldman thought no action would be taken but requested me to keep him advised. Mr. Feldman assumed that probably there would be unfavorable action in the Rules Committee. I assured him I would alert him of any developments and told him I would cover the hearings temorrow.

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Excerpt from Journal

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Monday - 20 February 1961

1. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Talked with Robert Smart. Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, mentioning to him the proposed action in the Rules Committee to hold hearings on 22 February concerning H. Con. Res. 3 and 9 proposing a Joint Committee for Foreign Intelligence. Mr. Smart said he was aware of this and indicated that Mr. Kilday would actively oppose this. In addition, it was planned that Mr. Arends, working through Mr. Halleck, would also oppose these resolutions, presumably by working through the membership of the House Rules Committee.

Excerpt from Journal

Tuesday - 21 February

1. (Internal Use Only - JGO) In conversation with Robert Smart, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, he advised that a bit of evasive action is being taken with regard to legislation on a Joint Committee for the Central Intelligence Agency now in the Rules Committee. He believes there is a good chance that the legislation will be bottled up in the Rules Committee and, in any event, action is being taken to determine the matter within the Rules Committee rather than let it go to a fight on the floor of the House.

S/ John S. Warner

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